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HOG INVENTORY DOWN BY 2 PERCENT

The December 1, 2009 inventory of all hogs and pigs in Wyoming totaled 87,000 head, compared with 89,000 head last year, according to Sofiya Cherni with the Wyoming Field Office of USDA NASS. Breeding inventory was 28,000 down 1,000 from last year. Market hogs came in at 59,000, also 1,000 down from last year. The market hogs on hand consisted of 28,000 head (47%) under 50 pounds, 15,000 (25%) weighing between 50 and 119 pounds, 11,000 (19%) between 120 and 179 pounds and 5,000 (8%) weighing 180 pounds and over.

A total of 62,000 sows farrowed during the 12-month period ending December 1, 2009. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.56 for an annual pig crop of 593,000 pigs. The pig crop was down 5 percent from the same period a year earlier, when 63,500 sows farrowed 625,000 pigs.

UNITED STATES: **U.S. inventory** of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2009 was 65.8 million head. This was down 2 percent from December 1, 2008 and down 2 percent from September 1, 2009.

Breeding inventory, at 5.85 million head, was down 3 percent from last year and down slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 60.0 million head, was down 2 percent from last year and down 2 percent from last quarter.

The September-November 2009 pig crop, at 28.8 million head, was up slightly from 2008 but down 2 percent from 2007. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.97 million head, down 2 percent from 2008 and down 6 percent from 2007. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 51 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.70 for the September-November 2009 period, compared to 9.50 last year. The litter rate equaled the record for pigs saved per litter set during the June-August 2009 period. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.40 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.80 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

HOG AND PIG INVENTORY AND PIG CROP, WYOMING AND U.S., 2008-2009

	2008	2009	09/08
	1,000 head		Percent
WYOMING			
All Hogs & Pigs, Dec 1	89	87	98
for Breeding	29	28	97
for Market	60	59	98
Annual Sows Farrowed, Dec-Nov 1/	63.5	52.0	98
Annual Pig Crop	625.0	593.0	95
UNITED STATES			
All Hogs & Pigs, Dec 1	67,148	65,807	98
for Breeding	6,062	5,850	97
for Market	61,087	59,957	98
Annual Sows Farrowed, Dec-Nov 1/	12,225	11,969	98
Annual Pig Crop	115,030	115,174	100

1/ December preceding year.

